



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2643  
Ronald A. KATZ )  
Serial No.: 10/724,330 ) Examiner: Woo, Stella  
Filed: November 26, 2003 ) Attorney Docket No.: 6046-101N8  
For: COMMERCIAL PRODUCT ) Customer No.: 50-1636  
ROUTING SYSTEM WITH VIDEO )  
VENDING CAPABILITY )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER**  
**35 U.S.C. SECTION 121 AND 37 C.F.R. SECTIONS 1.111 AND 1.143**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to an Office Action dated October 22, 2004, by which the Examiner requires restriction to one of two inventions (defined by Group I and II) under 35 U.S.C. Section 121. The inventions are as follows:

Group I, including claims 17-48, drawn to a method for selectively accomplishing electronic communications, classified in class 348, subclass 14.08; and

Group II, including claim 49, drawn to a method of processing communications on-line to consummate transactions, classified in class 379, subclass 93.12.

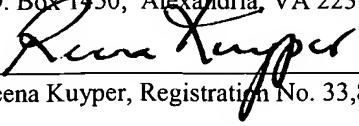
The Examiner indicates that Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. Because the inventions are distinct for the reasons given by the Examiner and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classifications, the Examiner requires restriction for examination purposes.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8**

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Applicant elects to proceed with Group I (claims 17-48). This election is made without traverse. Accordingly, please withdraw the claim in Group II (claim 49) from consideration. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claim 49 in a divisional application.

**Listing of the claims** as they presently stand appears on the next page.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.